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"AN ACT CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION."

1 In line 1249, after "students" insert ", including high school students
2 in private schools and home school students of high school age,"

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 10-220 of the general statutes is
6 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
7 *1, 2007*):

8 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall maintain good
9 public elementary and secondary schools, implement the educational
10 interests of the state as defined in section 10-4a and provide such other
11 educational activities as in its judgment will best serve the interests of
12 the school district; provided any board of education may secure such
13 opportunities in another school district in accordance with provisions
14 of the general statutes and shall give all the children of the school

15 district as nearly equal advantages as may be practicable; shall provide
16 an appropriate learning environment for its students which includes
17 (1) adequate instructional books, supplies, materials, equipment,
18 staffing, facilities and technology, (2) equitable allocation of resources
19 among its schools, (3) proper maintenance of facilities, and (4) a safe
20 school setting; shall have charge of the schools of its respective school
21 district; shall make a continuing study of the need for school facilities
22 and of a long-term school building program and from time to time
23 make recommendations based on such study to the town; shall adopt
24 and implement an indoor air quality program that provides for
25 ongoing maintenance and facility reviews necessary for the
26 maintenance and improvement of the indoor air quality of its facilities;
27 shall report biennially to the Commissioner of Education on the
28 condition of its facilities and the action taken to implement its long-
29 term school building program and indoor air quality program, which
30 report the Commissioner of Education shall use to prepare a biennial
31 report that said commissioner shall submit in accordance with section
32 11-4a to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
33 cognizance of matters relating to education; shall advise the
34 Commissioner of Education of the relationship between any individual
35 school building project pursuant to chapter 173 and such long-term
36 school building program; shall have the care, maintenance and
37 operation of buildings, lands, apparatus and other property used for
38 school purposes and at all times shall insure all such buildings and all
39 capital equipment contained therein against loss in an amount not less
40 than eighty per cent of replacement cost; shall determine the number,
41 age and qualifications of the pupils to be admitted into each school;
42 shall develop and implement a written plan for minority staff
43 recruitment for purposes of subdivision (3) of section 10-4a; shall
44 employ and dismiss the teachers of the schools of such district subject
45 to the provisions of sections 10-151 and 10-158a; shall designate the
46 schools which shall be attended by the various children within the
47 school district; shall make such provisions as will enable each child of
48 school age, residing in the district to attend some public day school for
49 the period required by law and provide for the transportation of

50 children wherever transportation is reasonable and desirable, and for
51 such purpose may make contracts covering periods of not more than
52 five years; may place in an alternative school program or other suitable
53 educational program a pupil enrolling in school who is nineteen years
54 of age or older and cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for
55 graduation by age twenty-one; may arrange with the board of
56 education of an adjacent town for the instruction therein of such
57 children as can attend school in such adjacent town more conveniently;
58 shall cause each child five years of age and over and under eighteen
59 years of age who is not a high school graduate and is living in the
60 school district to attend school in accordance with the provisions of
61 section 10-184, provided, when a parent or guardian of a child
62 provides by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the principal of
63 the school that the child attends or to the superintendent of the local or
64 regional board of education, written notice originated by and signed
65 by the parent or guardian of a child stating that the parent or guardian
66 is withdrawing the child from enrollment in a public school and will
67 provide instruction for the child as required pursuant to section 10-184,
68 the principal of the school that the child attends or the local or regional
69 board of education shall accept such notice and shall deem the child
70 withdrawn from enrollment in the public school immediately upon
71 receipt of such notice; and shall perform all acts required of it by the
72 town or necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties imposed
73 by law."